



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/699,533	10/30/2000	Ross G. Kaminsky	11927/89	7284
757	7590	07/21/2006	EXAMINER	
BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE P.O. BOX 10395 CHICAGO, IL 60610			NGUYEN, NGA B	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3628	

DATE MAILED: 07/21/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/699,533	KAMINSKY ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Nga B. Nguyen	3628

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the Amendment filed on May 2, 2006, which paper has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 1-13 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments/Amendment

3. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 have been considered but are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rickard et al (herein after Rickard), U.S. Patent No. 6,016,483, in view of Alaia et al (hereinafter Alaia), U.S. Patent No. 6,230,146.

Regarding to claim 1, Rickard discloses a computer-implemented method of opening options trading in an automated exchange trading system that receives orders

and quotes, and matches the orders and quotes to generate trades, comprising the steps of:

accepting quotes and orders associated with an option class during a first time period prior to the opening of trading (figure 2 and column 8, lines 17-30; at the first stage, the central controller accept public orders and market maker orders);

receiving an opening value of an underlying security (column 9, lines 22-32; receiving an opening trade of an underlying security);

determining opening price: for a plurality of option series in the option class (column 6, lines 10-13 and column 7 lines 13-17); and

opening trading of the plurality of option series based on the updated opening prices (column 1, lines 30-42; reopening trading after a trading halt in the underlying security with the updated opening price).

Rickard does not teach receiving additional quotes and orders associated with the option class during a second time period and responsively updating the opening prices prior to the opening of the trading; randomly terminating the second time period prior to an opening of rotation period such that further additional quotes and orders are not considered in updating the opening prices. However, Alaia discloses receiving additional quotes and orders associated with the option class during a second time period and responsively updating the opening prices prior to the opening of the trading; randomly terminating the second time period prior to an opening of rotation period such that additional quotes and orders are not considered in updating the opening prices (column 4, lines 23-40, providing bidder overtime for bidding). Therefore, it would have

been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Rickard's to adopt the teaching of Alaia above for the purpose of timing of the opening the receipt of quotes and orders in order to utilize the invention.

Regarding to claim 2, Rickard discloses wherein the step of determining opening prices is based on maximizing the number of contracts traded at the opening (column 8, lines 32-35).

Regarding to claim 3, Rickard discloses wherein the step of responsively updating the opening prices comprises recalculating the opening prices based upon quotes and orders received during the second time period (column 6, lines 5-30).

Regarding to claim 4, Rickard discloses wherein the step of randomly terminating the second time period occur not less than approximately five seconds after the step of receiving the opening value of the underlying security (column 4, lines 60-65; 45 minutes).

Regarding to claim 5, Rickard discloses wherein the opening value is one of a) an opening quote, b) an opening trade and c) an opening quote and an opening trade (column 9, lines 20-32; an opening quote and an opening trade).

Regarding to claim 6, Rickard discloses a processor programmed with a set of instructions to perform the method of claim 1 (column 8, lines 5-16, 43-52; central controller 2).

Regarding to claim 7, Rickard discloses wherein the step of opening trading comprises opening trading on the plurality of option series in a random order (column 4, lines 60-65; matching orders).

Regarding to claim 8, Rickard discloses a method of opening option trading, comprising the steps of:

receiving quotes and orders associated with an option class during a first time period prior to the opening of option trading (figure 2 and column 8, lines 17-30; at the first stage, the central controller accept public orders and market maker orders);

receiving an opening value for a security associated with the option class (column 9, lines 22-32; receiving an opening trade of an underlying security);

calculating an expected opening price for a plurality of option series in the option class (column 6, lines 10-13 and column 7 lines 13-17);

publishing the expected opening prices during a second time period (column 9, lines 10-20).

Rickard does not teach receiving additional quotes and orders associated with the option class during a second time period and responsively updating the opening prices prior to the opening of the trading; randomly terminating the second time period prior to an opening of rotation period such that further additional quotes and orders are not considered in updating the opening prices. However, Alaia discloses receiving additional quotes and orders associated with the option class during a second time period and responsively updating the opening prices prior to the opening of the trading; randomly terminating the second time period prior to an opening of rotation period such that additional quotes and orders are not considered in updating the opening prices (column 4, lines 23-40, providing bidder overtime for bidding). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

Art Unit: 3628

modify Rickard's to adopt the teaching of Alaia above for the purpose of timing of the opening the receipt of quotes and orders in order to utilize the invention.

Regarding to claim 9, Rickard discloses further comprising the step of updating the expected opening prices based upon the additional quotes and order received during the second time period (column 4, lines 50-65).

Regarding to claim 10, Rickard discloses wherein an opening rotation period immediately follows the step of randomly terminating the second time period (column 1, lines 30-43).

Regarding to claim 11, Rickard discloses wherein orders and quotes received during the opening rotation period are not considered during the step of updating the expected opening prices (column 6, lines 5-30).

Regarding to claim 12, Rickard discloses wherein the expected opening prices are updated periodically based upon the additional quotes and orders (column 4, lines 50-65).

Regarding to claim 13, Rickard discloses a processor programmed with a set of instructions to perform the method of claim 8 (column 8, lines 5-16, 43-52; central controller 2).

Conclusion

7. Claims 1-13 are rejected.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Nga B. Nguyen whose telephone number is

(571) 272-6796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600.

9. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
C/o Technology Center 3600
Washington, DC 20231

Or faxed to:

(571) 273-8300 (for formal communication intended for entry),
or
(571) 273-0325 (for informal or draft communication, please label
"PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Knox building, 501 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA, First Floor (Receptionist).


NGA NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

May 30, 2006